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FDA Commissioner, Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305)  
Food and Drug Administration  
5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061  
Rockville, MD 20852


Dear Sir or Madame,

The issue of Genetically Engineered food is extremely important, although it has not yet received enough attention from your agency. Please take the following action:

1. **Require mandatory pre-market safety testing:** GE foods could be toxic, could cause allergic responses, could have lower nutritional value, and could compromise immune responses in consumers;
2. **Require mandatory pre-market environmental review:** GE crops and foods could cause irreparable damage to the environment;
3. **Require mandatory labeling of GE foods:** Without mandatory labeling, neither consumers nor health professionals will know if an allergic or toxic reaction was the result of a genetically engineered food. Consumers will also be deprived of the critical knowledge they need to hold food producers liable should any of these novel foods prove hazardous.
4. **The current policy is an insult to consumers,** and irresponsibly ignores strong scientific evidence of numerous potential health and environmental risks of GE foods. These Rules appear to be a decision made for the convenience of industry at the expense of public health, consumer information, and the environment. Please don't let this continue.

Please act to protect the health of every American child and adult.  
Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

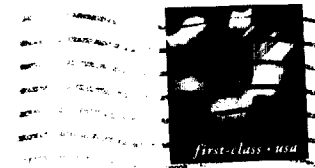
  
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